(b) and (c) Food grains (wheat and rice) are allotted to the States/Union Territories including Bihar and Uttar Pradesh on a month to month basis having regard to stocks available, seasonal availability, relative needs of various states/Union Territories and offtake trends. The allotment from Central Pool is supplemental in nature and is not meant for meeting the entire requirement of States and Union Territories. The lifting of foodgrains allotted to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh as generally been less than the allocation. Once the monthly allocation of foodgrains is made to the States/Union Territories including Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, it is the responsibility of the State Governments to have it lifted and distribute the same to the urban as well as rural areas on the basis of the need felt by them.

Under the present policy of partial control, the monthly allocation of levy sugar to most of the States/Union Territories are being made on uniform norms of ensuring 425 gms. per capita monthly availability to the projected population as on 1-10-86 effective from 1-2-1987. In addition the Government allots about one lakh tonnes of levy sugar per annum as festival quota for the country as a whole. The release of free sale sugar for internal consumption is regulated by way of monthly release mechanism taking into account the production, stocks, availability of other sweetening agents like gur and khandsari, price trends etc. With a view to augment supply of free sale sugar in the open market and to maintain price of sugar at a reasonable level, the Government has permitted import of sugar under OGL.

Safety of Foodgrain in the godowns

5076. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains on a very large scale/quantity are lying uncovered/unsafe in various godowns in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, grain-wise and godown-wise stating the quantity of foodgrains which became rotten during 1991-92 and 1992-93 and losses due to this;

(c) whether Government is considering to build more godowns to keep the foodgrains fully covered/safe ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what steps have been taken to keep the total food stock of rice, wheat etc. under full and proper safety in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The foodgrains are generally stored in covered godowns. If covered godown space is not available, foodgrains are stored in open under Cover And Plinth (CAP) duly protected with polythene covers. As on 1-3-1994 about 17.38 lakh tonnes of foodgrains were stored in CAP out of the total stocks of 190.24 lakh tonnes of foodgrains held by FCI. The figures relating to the quantity of foodgrains held by FCI. The figures relating to the quantity of foodgrains became rotten during 1991-92 and 1992-93 and losses on account thereof are not readily available. The information in this regard is being collected from the field offices of the Corporation.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) During the 8th Five Year Plan there is a proposal to oenstruct 6.62 lakh tonnes of additional storage capacity to keep the foodgrain stocks under full and proper safety. Out of the 6.62 lakh tonnes storage capacity, Food Corporation of India has already constructed a capacity of 2.68 lakh tonnes upto 31-3-1994.

चीनी के उत्पादन हेतु निर्धारित लक्ष्य

5077. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष देश में चीनी के उत्पादन हेतु राज्य-वार क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए हैं;